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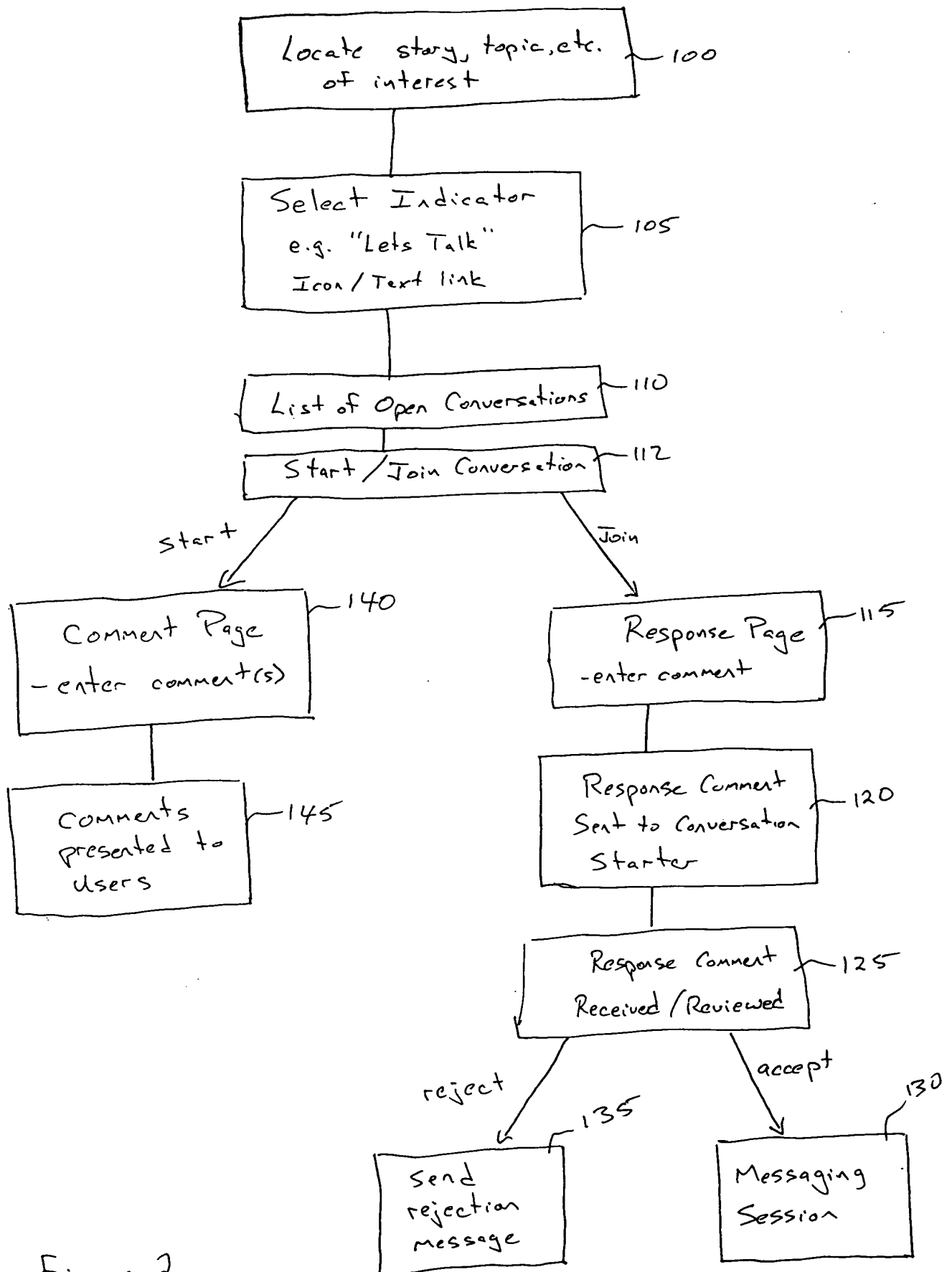


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**Clinton Wants \$280 Million to Fight Gun Crimes** 200

By Deborah Charles

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**BOSTON (Reuters)** - President Clinton on Tuesday proposed \$280 million in new government spending to help track down gun-wielding criminals and put them behind bars.

Clinton traveled to Boston to propose the new spending in the 2001 budget to hire federal agents and more prosecutors for the assault on gun crimes.

The new measures address one of the main complaints of groups like the National Rifle Association (NRA) who oppose additional gun restrictions and instead urge greater enforcement of already-existing laws.

Clinton, who has made gun control a top priority for his last year in office, said more enforcement and new laws were needed.

"Even though the crime rate's at a 25 year low, nobody believes that America is as safe as it ought to be," Clinton, standing in front of about a dozen blue-uniformed police officers, said in a gym in Roxbury, an area of Boston that has seen a marked improvement in lowering its crime rate.

"We don't have any excuses anymore. We want America to be the safest big country in the entire world," he said.

Calling it the largest national firearms enforcement initiative in U.S. history, Clinton outlined his plan which includes hiring 500 new agents and inspectors at the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and doubling the ranks of ATF agents targeting violent gun criminals and illegal gun traffickers.

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